

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19, which starts with "A preferred embodiment..." with the following amended paragraph:

A preferred embodiment of the present invention is described in detail below with reference to the attached drawing figures, wherein:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a roof joint cover constructed in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention and shown between two surfaces;

FIG. 2 is an elevation view of a first bracket of the cover;

FIG. 3 is an elevation view of a second bracket of the cover;

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of a central bracket of the cover; and

FIG. 5 is another perspective view of the central bracket of the cover;

FIG. 6 is a perspective view of a roof joint cover constructed in accordance with various alternative preferred embodiments of the present invention, the cover shown including a first bracket presenting a first socket and a second bracket presenting a second socket; and

FIG. 7 is a perspective view of a roof joint cover constructed in accordance with various alternative preferred embodiments of the present invention, the cover shown including a first bracket presenting a first plug and a second bracket presenting a second plug.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 12, which starts with "Referring also .." with the following amended paragraph:

Referring also to FIGS. 4 and 5, the central bracket 22 preferably presents a cylindrical plug 42 operable to fit within the socket 30 of the first bracket 18 and a cylindrical socket 44 offset from the plug 42 and operable to wrap around the plug 38 of the second bracket 20. The socket 44 preferably includes two arcuate sidewalls 46 that define a longitudinal slit 48 substantially along the

central bracket's 22 entire length. It should be noted that the socket 30 of the first bracket 18 is preferably substantially identical to the socket 44 of the central bracket 22. Similarly, the plug 38 of the second bracket 20 is preferably substantially identical to the plug 42 of the central bracket 22.